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1. I SAW BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET THIS MORNING TO EXPLAIN PERSONALLY THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE AGREEMENTS YOU AND THE EC COMMISSION LEADERSHIP REACHED ON JULY 11 IN BRUSSELS ON THE NEW TIMETABLE FOR THE MTN. I EMPHASIZED THE SERIOUS CONCERN WE WOULD HAVE IF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EC FAILED TO SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT AND URGED HIM TO USE THE BELGIAN PRESIDENCY TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP FOR REACHING SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS IN THE MTN WITHIN THE AGREED NEW TIMETABLE.

2. SIMONET SAID HE WOULD BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT WHICH THE MTN AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN YOURSELF AND THE EC COMMISSION LEADERS WOULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER A SUB-ITEM ON THE AGENDA
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ENTITLED "US-EC RELATIONS". SIMONET SAID HE WAS IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW TIMETABLE AND THE NEED TO REACH SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS IN BOTH TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIER FIELDS. HE SAID HE WOULD USE THE LEADERSHIP AFFORDED THE BELGIANS IN THEIR PRESIDENCY ROLE TO ADVANCE THESE VIEWS.

3. HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF OUR APPROACH TO HIM ON
THIS PERSONAL BASIS AND PROMISED TO REPORT TO US ON THE
RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING FOR THIS AGENDA MEETING
TOMORROW EVENING. CHAMBERS

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